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Newly Selected Colonels for Public Health

Colonel (S) Michael Bunning is a student at the National War College at Ft McNair, D.C. He has had numerous and varied assignments. They include: DoD liaison officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, Colorado from 2002 to 2003; Analyst, Defense Intelligence Agency, Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center, Fort Detrick, Maryland from 2000 until 2001; Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Epidemiology and Ecology Section, Arboviral Diseases Branch, DVBID, NCID, CDC from 1998 until 2000; Base Public Health Officer, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, and MAJCOM Public Health Officer, Health Promotions Officer, and Put Prevention into Practice Officer for PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii from 1996 until 1998; Chief of Military Public Health, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey From 1992 until 1994; Chief of Military Public Health, Zaragoza Air Base, Spain from 1990 until 1992; Chief of Environmental Health Services; Vandenberg AFB, California from 1988 until 1990. In civilian life he was a small animal veterinary practitioner, Clinton, Oklahoma from 1982 until 1988 and a mixed animal veterinary practitioner, Creston, British Columbia, Canada from 1980 until 1982. His education includes: an M.P.H., Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts in 1996; International Relations and Preventive Medicine, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama from 1994 until 1995; D.V.M., Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1980; B.S., Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1978; B.S., Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma in 1976. The message he would like to share with the rest of us is "I would like to thank the Public Health carrier field for their help and support through the years. One never is promoted simply on their own merits, it is a team effort. This promotion attests to the fact that our carrier field has some of the best and brightest people in the Air Force and if you allow them the latitude they will make you look good. Thanks to everyone for your help, this has been a fun trip and I am proud to have worked with all of you."

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Colonel (S) William Courtney

has recently taken over the Public Health Consultant role from Col Deneice Van



Hook. The official title is Associate Chief, Biomedical Sciences Corps for Public Health; Military Consultant to the Surgeon General for Public Health. He is part of the Air Force Medical Support Agency (AFMSA) at Bolling AFB, D.C. His previous assignments include: from June 85 to Aug 88 at Fairchild AFB, Washington; from Aug 88 to Aug 90 at Clark AB Philippines; from Aug 90 to Aug 91 at the University of Minnesota (MPH); from Aug 91 to Nov 92 at Izmir AB, Turkey; from Nov 92 to Aug 95 at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota; from Aug 95 to Dec 97 at Bolling AFB, DC (base level); from Jan 98 to Sep 98 at Defense Medical Surveillance System, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, DC; from Sep 98 to Aug 2001 at HQ PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; from Aug 01 to Aug 03 HQ ACC, Langley

AFB Virginia; from Aug 03 to present, AFMSA, Bolling AFB DC. (NOTE: the first five positions were as a base level Environmental Health/Public Health Officer.) He is married to Leanne D. Courtney Lt Col (retired) USAF, NC. They have two dogs, a lab mix and Boston Terrier (they are the typical childless couple with pets) He enjoys spending his time off fishing, camping, and watching college football and basketball (however, fishing is his passion. His ultimate goal is to have his own fishing show). The quote he would like to share with us is "Illegitimus nil carborundum" - which loosely translated means "pick your battles." His task to us is "To build on the initiatives started by our predecessors and the Corporate Board - to make work better for the base level troops. Our jobs have changed dramatically in the past 5 to 10 years and we need to catch up, especially in the areas of policies, procedures, guides, and staffing. Also, please think more public health and less private health.."



Colonel (S) Danny Glover is the Commander, 82 AMDS Sheppard AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Little Rock AFB, Arkansas from Dec 1988 to Jun 1991; Ankara AS Turkey from Jul 1991 to Mar 1993; USAFSAM Brooks

AFB, Texas from Mar 1993 to Aug 1996; AFIT from Aug 1996 to Jun 1997; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska from Jul 1997 to Jun 2000; USAF/IG at AFIA Kirtland AFB, New Mexico from Jun 2000 to Aug 2002; and his present job at Sheppard AFB, Texas from Aug 2002 to present. He is married to Risa and they enjoy two wonderful children; daughter Ashley (24) and son Aaron (22). He enjoys western history and Indian as well as Mountain Man accoutrements in his off-duty time. His favorite quote is from Chuck Swindoll; "Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, intelligence, or skill. It will make or break a company.....a church.....a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace. We cannot change our past; we cannot change the fact that other people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have.....and that is our attitude. Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it. And so it is with us all.....we are each in charge of our attitude." A good message Col (S) Glover would like to share with us is "Public Health has provided me greater opportu-

nities and better friendships than I had ever dreamed of. Always do your best and the rewards are overwhelming!"

Colonel (S) Roger Gibson is the Program Director, Military Public Health Senior Policy Analysis and Epidemiology at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Clinical and Program Policy at the Pentagon in D.C. His previous assignments include: Basic Officers Course in 1985 at Brooks AFB, Texas; from 1985 until 1987 at WHMC at Lackland AFB, Texas; from 1987 to 1989 back at Brooks AFB, Texas; from 1989 to 1990 an AFIT program at Johns Hopkins University (MPH); from 1990 to 1993 at Norton AFB, California; from 1993 to 1996 an AFIT program at University of Washington (Ph.D., Epidemiology); from 1996 to 1998 at TRICARE Region 6, Lead Agent in San Antonio, Texas; from 1998 to 2001 again at Brooks AFB, Texas; and his present assignment at the Pentagon since 2001. He is married to Susan, who is a retired USAF Lt Col. They have two children; daughter Amanda (they know her age but don't talk about it as she is an upwardly mobile business woman with lots of room left at the top) and son Brett (who is 24 and a 2Lt USAF as of Aug 2003) and is married to Kimberly (her age is a Mystery but she is a Dental Hygienist). Col (S) Gibson and his wife share the enjoyment of their dog Gus who is starting to gray a little, is about 75 pounds worth of hairy Austrian Shepard and is currently unemployed. He (Col Gibson and maybe Gus) enjoys reading, watching movies, working in the garden, and playing "This Old House". Those who know him well have heard him say often, "The juice is worth the squeeze". He adds, "What we do is incredibly important. Not only to the people on our bases and in our communities, but to the Air Force, the DoD, and the nation. Especially when you feel the work is hard and the hours are long, remember the juice IS worth the squeeze." His message to the rest of us... "I continue to marvel at the talents, versatility, and downright brilliance of Air Force Public Health folks. We prove over and over again that we can do virtually anything if we put our training and our hearts into it."

Colonel (S) Kenneth Hall is the MAJCOM Public Health Officer at HQ ACC at Langley AFB, Virginia. His previous assignments include: from 1988 to 1990 he was the Chief, Environmental Health at Tyndall AFB, Florida; from 1990 to 1991 he was the Chief, Environmental Health at a Classified location; from 1991 to 1993 he was Chief, Military Public Health Ops at Bitburg AB, Germany; from 1993 to 1995 he was a Medical



Inspector at AFIA at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico; from 1995 to 1996 he was in an AFIT program for an MPH in Boston, Massachusetts; from 1996 to 1999 he was a MAJCOM PHO at the ANG Readiness Center/SGPM at Andrews AFB, Maryland; from 1999 to 2001 he was a MAJCOM PHO at HQ USAFE/SGPM at Ramstein AB, Germany; from 2001 to 2003 he was a squadron commander at the 35th AMDS at Misawa AB, Japan; and his current assignment this year at HQ ACC/SGPM at Langley AFB, Virginia. He has three daughters (Lauren-17, Lindsey-19, Aryn-21) and is married to Christa Baustert. He enjoys pickin' and a-sangin' (bluegrass), Japanese gardening and working on

our family farm. He would like to share with us, "I always try to remember: We've got two jobs, both privileges--people and programs, in that order." Another message he would like to share with us is: "It's great to be back. Welcome to our newest 4Es, and congrats to all for the great mission support that went uninterrupted through the merger and FHM standup. Kudos to our departing leadership and all the best to our incoming. AF Public Health is the ultimate 'team sport'. Nobody does it better, day in/day out, all around the world! I'm proud to be a part of 'this here outfit'."



Deployment Pics

Pictured at far left is TSgt Timothy Kays from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Maryland with two unidentified deployed partners. TSgt Kays was deployed to **Operation Cooperative Key** 2003 in Plovdiv Bulgaria. The highlight was flying in a Latvian MI-8 doing a refugee evacuation demonstration.

The picture at right was submitted by MSgt Paul Williams from Altus AFB, Oklahoma. This picture was from the 407 EMEDS in Tallil which has since changed to the 332 EMDG. Pictured from left to right: back row...Lt Col Monte McMeans, a PHO from Tinker AFB, Oklahoma; MSgt Paul Williams, NCOIC, PH at Altus AFB, Oklahoma; from left to right: front row are SSgt Michael Melanson, Altus AFB, Oklahoma; Maj Douglas Burkett, Entomologist from Langley AFB, Virginia; TSgt Jerry "Rusty" Pickcard, and SrA Jae Kim, PH technicians from Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.



Skunkworks



Lackland: Two public health troops recently learned they were promoted to SSgt (supplemental list): Erika Davila and Kelly Moore.

Vance: Masterful PH program exceeded expectations 1) Partnered with Oklahoma State University in very sophisticated mosquito vectoring program; 1 of only 2 AF bases using advanced equipment; 2) Provided accurate estimates of virus vector prevalence; 3) All-encompassing STD prevention program; partnered PH with local county health department; 4) Responded to increase in student STD incidence; educated dorm residents and placed thought provoking posters in civilian community 5) Tracked sources of infection aggressively; possible sources, and gaining military facilities alerted to increased risk.

Andrews AFB, Maryland: Capt Sherry J. Seagram was awarded Conditional Reserve Status (CRS).



Another deployment Picture: Major Michael Lundy (PHO) from Bolling AFB while deployed...honored to stand next to SECDEF Rumsfeld. "Today I've had the highlight of my rotation here and, quite possibly, one of the highlights of my life!"



WPAFB, Ohio: Recently selected for promotion (Supplemental) to MSgt was TSgt Tim O'Donoghue (see picture above with Lt Col Sam Hall and MSgt (S) O'Donoghue).

Charleston AFB, SC: Recently selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant (Supplemental) was SrA Kristin M. Blouin. Deployed: SrA Celina Johnson and MSgt Rob Roach.

Eielson AFB, Alaska: PH at Eielson had a great Quarter! SrA Erica Larsen, an exceptional 4E, won 354 MDOS Airman of the Quarter *and* 354 MDG Airman of Quarter! SSgt William Holden, another exceptional 4E, won 354 MDOS NCO of Quarter *and* 354 MDG NCO of Quarter! MSgt Denis Du Vall, still another exceptional 4E, won 354 MDOS SNCO of Quarter *and* 354 MDG SNCO of Quarter! Also of note: SrA Larsen will be pinning on SSgt 1 Nov. WAY TO GO EIELSON!

Littlerock AFB, Arkansas: We are saddened to announce the loss of an outstanding PH NCO to the Medical Service Corps...SSgt Ian Erskine has been selected to become a MSC officer (well-deserved/earned!!). Good Luck SSgt Erskine...just do not forget your Public Health roots (former PH family) and train those MSC's on the value of PH!

New Captains: Selected for promotion to Captain are: Anthony Davis (Aviano AB Italy) and John Foster (Lakenheath AB, UK).

	Volunteer for Short Tour	Non- Volunteer for Short Tour	Total for Short Tour
A1C	0	0	0
SRA	2	0	2
SSGT	7	0	7
TSGT	0	3	3
MSGT	1	2	3
SMSGT	0	1	1
2002	10	6	16
A1C	1	0	1
SRA	4	0	4
SSGT	0	0	0
TSGT	2	1	3
MSGT	0	0	0
SMSGT	0	0	0
2003	7	1	8
A1C	0	0	0
SRA	3	0	3
SSGT	4	0	4
TSGT	1	1	2
MSGT	1	1	2
SMSGT	0	0	0
2004	9	2	11

	Volunteer for Long Tour	Non Vol- unteer for Long Tour	Total Long Tour
A1C	2	0	2
SRA	1	0	1
SSGT	5	0	5
TSGT	1	0	1
MSGT	1	0	1
SMSGT	0	2	2
2002	10	2	12
A1C	1	0	1
SRA	11	0	11
SSGT	2	0	2
TSGT	0	0	0
MSGT	0	0	0
SMSGT	2	0	2
2003	16	0	16
A1C	0	0	0
SRA	5	0	5
SSGT	0	0	0
TSGT	0	0	0
MSGT	0	0	0
SMSGT	0	0	0
2004	5	0	5

	Consecu- tive Over- seas Short Tour	Consecu- tive Over- seas Long Tour	Consecutive Overseas Tour Total
A1C	0	0	0
SRA	0	0	0
SSGT	0	0	0
TSGT	0	0	0
MSGT	0	0	0
SMSGT	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0
A1C	0	0	0
SRA	0	3	3
SSGT	0	0	0
TSGT	0	0	0
MSGT	0	0	0
SMSGT	0	0	0
2003	0	3	3
A1C	0	0	0
SRA	1	0	1
SSGT	1	0	1
TSGT	0	0	0
MSGT	0	0	0
SMSGT	0	0	0
2004	2	0	2

	TOTAL LONG RQMNTS	TOTAL SHORT RQMNTS	TOTAL OS RQMNTS
A1C	29	7	36
SRA	33	8	41
SSGT	30	4	34
TSGT	16	5	21
MSGT	10	3	13
SMSGT	5	0	5
2002	123	27	150
A1C	29	7	36
SRA	33	8	41
SSGT	30	4	34
TSGT	16	5	21
MSGT	10	3	13
SMSGT	5	0	5
2003	123	27	150
A1C	29	7	36
SRA	33	8	41
SSGT	30	4	34
TSGT	16	5	21
MSGT	10	3	13
SMSGT	5	0	5
2004	123	27	150

PH Officer Manning

2003/Oct					
	Authorized	Assigned	Ret/Sep	% Manned (Before Ret/ Sep)	% Manned (After Ret/ Sep)
2Lt-Capt	62	69	1	111.30%	109.70%
MAJ	66	53	1	80.30%	78.80%
LTC	45	36	0	80.00%	80.00%
COL	9	9	2	100.00%	77.80%
Total	182	167	4	91.80%	89.60%

PH Enlisted Manning

2003/Oct					
	Authorized	Assigned	Ret/Sep	% Manned (Before Ret/ Sep)	% Manned (After Ret/ Sep)
AB-A1C	223	120	0	53.80%	53.80%
SRA	313	176	12	56.20%	52.40%
SSG	236	349	5	147.90%	145.80%
TSG	169	208	17	123.10%	113.00%
MSG	89	104	21	116.90%	93.30%
SMS	23	14	3	60.90%	47.80%
CMS	8	7	4	87.50%	37.50%
Total	1061	978	62	92.20%	86.30%

Final Thoughts...Recognizing Our Best!

It is annual awards time again! Have you been preparing your people throughout the year? Do you have that special person who has risen above the norm all year long and really deserves that special recognition? It is a supervisor's responsibility to determine who deserves recognition and for those who deserve it...they should write a good solid package to submit for consideration.

There are at least two programs for recognizing our people. Two of the most popular are the AFMS Annual Awards Program (where Public Health competes against other Public Health people) and the Twelve Outstanding Airman of the Year (OAY) Program (where we compete against those not in Public Health). The AFMS Annual awards include the following categories for Public Health: Officer of the Year, Staff Officer of the Year, Colonel Cleveland L. Parker Award (SNCO and NCO categories) and Airman of the Year. The OAY program has categories for SNCO of the Year, NCO of the Year and Airman of the Year. Most installations also include Company Grade and Field Grade Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year (broken out by pay grades groupings). These installation officer categories only compete at the installation and do not get forwarded to the MAJCOM level. The winners of the other categories move on to higher competition.

The AFMS has made some changes to the award packages for this year's competition. Check with the requirements in AFI 36-2856 Medical Service Awards for further details. Some of the highlighted changes include: one page AF Form 1206, only three categories on the AF Form 1206 (Leadership and Job Performance in Primary Duties for 60 points, Significant Self improvement for 20 points, and Base and Community Involvement for 20 points), and there is no longer a requirement for a separated letter of nomination from the commander for each nomination. Instead, each commander will send a letter stating that the nominees from that facility do not have any unfavorable information or quality force action and that they meet USAF standards to the MAJCOM (this letter stops at the MAJCOM).

I challenge each Public Health Office leadership to determine who meets the criteria for these awards and invest the time to put together a solid awards package for their deserving personnel. The process has been streamlined to make it easier for all people in the process (supervisors and evaluators alike). The competition should be very fierce this year as we have had many very important things happen (Smallpox vaccinations, a war, and SARS etc). I look forward to reviewing several great packages because I know we have an abundance of great people out there!

Chief Strout